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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, in which the polymerization of the lactam is carried out in the presence of one or more polymers (A) which are introduced either into the solution (a) or into the mixing device in step (b) or into the molten lactam which is added in addition to that originating from (a) or according to any combination of these possibilities.

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, in which the polymerization of the lactam is carried out in the presence of one or more fillers which are introduced either into the solution (a) or into the mixing device in step (b) or into the molten lactam which is added in addition to that originating from (a) or according to any combination of these possibilities.

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7. (Amended) Process according to Claim 5, in which the polymerization of the lactam is carried out in the presence of one or more polymers (A) which are introduced either into the solution from step (a) or into the mould or into the molten lactam which is added in addition to that originating from (a) or alternatively during the in-line mixing of the lactam originating from (a) and of the lactam added in addition to that originating from (a) or a